

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service
Contract 183 (MC2021-49)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2021-51

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO
PRIORITY MAIL & FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE
CONTRACT 183

(December 30, 2022)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice in this docket.¹ In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 183.² The Postal Service's Notice includes a certified statement as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.5, a public (redacted) version of the Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 183, and supporting financial data estimating the contract value during the first year.

In Order No. 5795, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add a new product identified as Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 183 to the Competitive Product List.³ The proposed amendment replaces Sections I.F.2, I.G.,

¹ Notice Initiating Docket(s) for Recent Postal Service Negotiated Service Agreement Filings, December 23, 2022.

² USPS Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 183, Filed Under Seal, December 22, 2022. (Notice)

³ See Order No. 5795, Order Adding Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 183 to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2021-49/CP2021-51, December 30, 2020. (Order No. 5795)

replaces Table C in Section I.F., and replaces Tables 1, 2, and 3 in Section I.I.. Attachment A at 1.

The effective date for the Amendment to Contract 183 is three (3) business day following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. *Notice* at 1. The Postal Service did not indicate an amended expiration date and thus the expiration date of the contract remains March 31, 2024. Order No. 5795 at 2.

COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed the Postal Service's Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 183 and the financial data filed under seal with the Postal Service's Notice. Based upon that review, the Public Representative concludes that Contract 183, as amended, should continue to generate sufficient revenues to cover costs and thereby satisfy 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and thus should be approved by the Commission.

Finally, the Postal Service must file revenue and cost data for Contract 183 in future Annual Compliance Reports. This data will permit the Commission to annually review the financial results for Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 183 in a future Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) report for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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